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Title: METHODS OF TESTING FOR ALLERGIC DISEASES AND THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR TREATING SAME (AS AMENDED)

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated August 31, 2004, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-3 and 31), drawn to a method of screening for a disease, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect TR3 as the Group A (nuclear orphan receptors) species. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-3 and 31.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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